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Final Reading with that reservation from me. We'll take a hard look at it in the next day or two. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Lynch, on the advancement of LB 1021.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, for those of you that ever went to catechism, you'll probably understand what I'm talking about. Sister Evangeline (phonetic) used to say, if you think it's wrong, it's probably wrong; you know when you're doing something wrong. Well, I would like to think I would know if I was doing something wrong, and I would especially like not to have to address or talk about an issue that nobody that I can remember, for years, has ever told me was a problem or in fact was an issue. I don't know how many people in your districts have come to you and said, you've got to do something about those terrible politicians down in Lincoln, or the Governor, or the Senators, or the Congressmen. They're disgusted on occasion, they're frustrated on occasion, they don't like taxes, as usual, but I've never had any one of them tell me that they think somebody is a crook. And I've been in politics now for a long time, since going back to '60. I know of three elected officials, one here in the Legislature, who went to jail. And not only they knew they were doing wrong, but the one that went to the legislative...from the Legislature went to jail, went to jail because of what he did before he came to the Legislature, by the way, while he was in county government. I'm not sure what we're trying to prove. Maybe it makes you feel good. And I will agree with what Senator Coordsen just said. What frustrates me and I think irritates in a lot of ways, but is really terrible, is that we leave the impression that there is something to be fixed. If any of you are doing something wrong, I hope you get caught, and I hope it's serious enough that you go to jail. Like Senator Wickersham said, if you're doing something wrong, pay a price for it; don't play games. But this is not something that's important. We've spent all day, so far, on this bill and this kind of legislation and this kind of an issue that nobody that I know of in my district has ever said to me we got to do something about. I think that's wasting our time; I think it's wasting the time of everybody involved with this. Well, if you want to do business with somebody you know is a shyster, I hope you're smart enough to know the difference.